AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 – EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

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REMARKS

No claims have been amended or cancelled. Claims 1-22 are pending in this application.

The Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner rejected claims 1-22 under the judicially-created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,232,481. Applicant does not admit that the pending claims are obvious in view of the claims of Patent No. 6,232,481. However, to expedite prosecution, a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321 is enclosed herewith to obviate this rejection.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 359-3261 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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